

To: Renewable Advisory Board

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Subject: Update

The following is the November monthly update for the Renewable Energy Fund:

1. Think Energy – Think Energy’s work plan will be circulated with this update and discussed at the November meeting.
2. CESA dues – CESA will be distributing project summaries and updates as a membership renewal packet.
3. Smartpower – Smartpower has been provided with verbal and email feedback on their proposal to the Fund. Expect a response before the meeting which will clarify certain issues raised by the Advisory Board, including what constitutes success in the Worcester, MA GreenUp outreach campaign. This will help to inform the Board’s decision to retain Smartpower for GreenUp outreach.
4. Audubon – Audubon has received a proposal from Everpower (a NY firm) for 15 kW PV system on the roof for Bristol facility. Part of the proposal will be to get grant funding from the Fund, in the amount of 90%. (I may need to inform these guys that it may not fly—it’s now \$7 per watt on a competitive basis???) Apparently the other 10% funding would be from Everpower and paid back from the sale of RECs. The proposal includes an education component which has not yet been designed but may include a computer monitor, and/or some kind of active component which tells real time how much electricity is being generated by the PV system. A curriculum would be built around the display. Typically for this type of exhibit, Audubon comes up with the core concepts on their own to pass along to fabricator.
5. Position on wind farms - Not opposed, that’s as far as it goes. Don’t actively support either. I asked Jeff to provide me with info on what would be Rhode Island Audubon’s position on on-site wind projects at universities, etc. He will get back to us on this after talking to his policy people.
6. Sponsorship – We will be having lunch in your cafeteria (join us?) on November 14 after the Advisory Board meeting to discuss the specific issues and possibilities towards a new proposal to the Fund incorporating sponsorship and outreach
7. GreenUp–
8. Wind RFI –

9. PV RFP –

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